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SUBJ: REACTION TO PRES CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON ME

1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS MARCH 23, TWO MFA OFFICE
DIRS CLOSE TO FAHMY PROVIDED THEIR "PERSONAL" UNSOLICITED
ASSESSMENTS OF RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRES CARTER ON THE ME.
WHILE THERE WERE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF STATEMENTS WITH WHICH
THEY DISAGREED, ON BALANCE THEY FELT STATEMENTS WERE HELPFUL.
BOTH RECOGNIZED THAT PROPOSALS WERE PUT FORWARD AS POSSIBLE
OPTIONS AND THAT NO US DECISION HAD BEEN MADE.

2. OFFICIALS THOUGHT FOLLOWING ASPECTS MOST POSITIVE: (A)
FOR FIRST TIME USG PUBLICLY PUTTING FORWARD PROPOSALS, IN-
ITIATIVE WHICH ISRAEL HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED; (B) PROPOSALS
PROVIDE A KIND OF US "VISUALIZATION" WHICH IS WHAT THE GOE
HAS URGED. (THIS POINT WAS ALSO NOTED FAVORABLY ABOUT BREZHNEV'S
MARCH 21 SPEECH WHICH THEY INTERPRETED AS SOVIET ATTEMPT TO
PLAY CATCH-UP BALL BY PROVIDING ITS "VISUALIZATION.")
(C) STATEMENT ON "HOMELAND" FOR PALESTINIANS WAS MAJOR BREAK-
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THROUGH THAT ASSURED HOME FOR PALESTINIANS WOULD BE PART OF
EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT AND (D) APPARENT DECISION OF PRES CARTER
TO TAKE ME PROBLEM DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WHICH
COULD EVENTUALLY UNDERMINE WHAT THEY CONSIDER STRONGHOLDS
OF ZIONIST LOBBY; I.E. CONGRESS AND MEDIA. IN THIS CONTEXT,
ONE OF OFFICIALS NOTED THAT ISRAELI PLAN TO LAUNCH MAJOR IN-
FORMATION CAMPAIGN IN US INDICATES ISRAELIS ALREADY FEAR

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF PUBLIC DEBATE OF ME PROBLEM IN US.

3. COMMENT: THESE "PERSONAL"OBSERVATIONS ARE REFLECTED IN
FAHMY'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON
MARCH 22 (SEPTEL).
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